

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Energy and Utilities**

##### **Assembly Bill 515**

Relating to: retained earnings of telecommunications cooperatives.

By Representatives Freese, Gard, Gronemus, Hines, Hubler, Johnsrud, Kreibich, Loeffelholz, Lothian, Musser, Nass, Ott, Schneider and Van Roy; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Brown, Erpenbach, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Lassa, Risser and Zien.

September 11, 2003 Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

November 25, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (9) Representatives Jensen, Montgomery, J. Fitzgerald, Gottlieb, Nischke, Honadel, Steinbrink, Krug and Travis.  
Absent: (4) Representatives Powers, Friske, Ziegelbauer and Schooff.

##### Appearances For

- Rep. Steve Freese, 51st AD, Dodgeville
- Warren Day, WI Telephone Cooperative, Oregon
- Matt Macdonald, Kiesling Associates LLP, Madison
- Terry Whipple, Juneau Co. Economic Development Corp., Tomah
- Jim Costello, Lemonweir Valley Telephone Co., Camp Douglas
- Jake Spry, S&S Cycle, Viola
- Melisa Duffy, WI Federation of Coops, Fond du Lac
- Bill Averbek, WI Federation of Coops, Fond du Lac
- Rod Olson, Vernon Telephone Cooperative, Westby
- Geoffrey Banta, Viroqua
- David Jenkins, WI Electric Cooperative Assoc., Madison
- Bill Esbeck, WI State Telecommunications Association (WISTA), Madison
- Ruthann Nelson, WI Federation of Coops, Madison

##### Appearances Against

- David Walsh, WI Cable Communications Assoc., Madison
- Tom Moore, WI Cable Communication Assoc, Madison
- Rep. Mike Huebsch, 94th AD, West Salem
- Lorenzo Cruz, CenturyTel, Madison

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Kurt Hauge, Vernon Telephone Coop, Viroqua
- Randy Siler, West Wisconsin Telcom Coop, Downsville
- Bryan Amundson, Marquette Adams Telephone Coop, Oxford
- Robin Buck, West Wisconsin Telcom Coop, Downsville
- David Lull, Richland Grant Tel Coop, Blue River
- Christy Berger, Nelson Telephone Coop, Durand
- Jeff Wiswell, WI Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Assoc, Madison
- Michael Theis, Theis Comm Consulting, Madison

Registrations Against

- Kate Blavat, SBC, Madison
- Michelle Kussow, WI Grocers Assn., Madison
- Bill Smith, National Federation of Independent Business, Madison

March 11, 2004

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

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Brett Healy  
Committee Clerk